Zik

(4th Century)

BRIEFING

Zik (𐭦𐭩𐭪 zy'k *Zīg; Greek: Ζικ or Ζιχ Zik or Zikh) or in Greek sources also Zecas (Greek: Ζηκας), was a 4th-century Iranian officer active during the reign of the Sasanian king (shah) Shapur II (r. 309–379). He was a member of the House of Zik, one of the Seven Great Houses of Iran. Not much is known about him; he was in c. 367 along with Karen given a large army to rule over Armenia, which had recently been seized by the Iranian army. "The Zik" is mentioned in Part Six, Section One of the Buzandaran Patmut'iwnk' attributed to Faustus of Byzantium: King Arshak I of Armenia "gave his deputy the Zik as a mentor to King Khosrow I."